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The Homedale Middle School Future City regional championship team includes:

Front row, from left: Teacher Kim Portwood, Bailey Purdom, Catherine (Catie) Decker, Kambell Garrett, and Rylan Love. **Back row, from left:** Allison Whitehead, John Lejardi, Trenton Rooks, Belisia Larzelier, Eli Heck, Téa Uranga, Ryker Johnson, and Elizabeth Whitehead. **Not pictured:** Don VanderBoegh (mentor engineer)

Future City nationals in HMS' future again

Fundraising begins after regional title

Now the real work begins.

A Future City team is preparing for the national competition for the third time in Homedale Middle School history.

Fundraising ideas began swirling soon after this year's group of

amateur engineers won the Idaho Regional on Saturday at Boise State University.

Led by science teacher Kim Portwood and volunteer mentor engineer Don VanderBoegh, this year's team is the third HMS national qualifier since 2011.

Homedale students won back-to-back trips to the national competition in Washington D.C.,

in 2011 and 2012.

This year's team created an aging-friendly metropolis called Vetus Bona.

The design also garnered awards for Best Project Plan, Best Project Management and Best Model.

More than 30 teams competed Saturday with only the regional

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Emery: Caseload, murder trials necessitate budget hike

Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery has requested \$175,000 worth of additional money from Owyhee County.

The third-term elected official met with county commissioners in Murphy on Jan. 16, as part of their regular weekly meeting, to discuss workload and compensation.

If granted in full, the request would push the prosecutor's Fiscal Year 2018 budget to \$481,000.

He cited his increased number of felony cases, unreasonable stress levels, and pay that doesn't compare favorably



Douglas D. Emery with prosecutors in other counties as reasons for seeking more money.

Emery said the amount of work required for the capital murder cases of Nicholas B. Vandenberg, Willie Keith Rabey, and Montanna Rae Reed necessitates the hiring of additional attorneys and increased compensation for himself and part-time deputy criminal prosecutor Ken Kreis.

Emery informed commissioners his petition for assistance from the attorney general's office was denied.

"They have insisted they don't have the numbers that they can assist us," Emery said.

He asserts that the defense has more help with their cases than he currently has access to.

"The defense has two attorneys for each of the defendants, who bill out at a composite of roughly a grand (\$1,000) per hour," Emery said.

"Rabey waived speedy trial, and his trial was vacated. (Defense) counsel told me his trial will not go for another year."

Emery said he heard similar reports from attorneys for Vandenberg and Reed.

"We're in this for the long haul," he said.

Emery reported that felony cases going through his office have steadily risen. He estimates that he currently has at least 60 such cases on his docket.

Emery approached the defense attorneys to check if there was any interest in mediation.

"They just smiled," he said.

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MHS gym flood damages hardwood

Marsing schools construction projects to begin soon

Analysts have discovered buckling to the hardwood basketball court inside the Marsing High School gym-

nasium.

The damage was spotted when the school district insurance adjuster began assessing problems created by flooding triggered when a water pipe under the gymnasium broke in the fall.

It's estimated that 674,000 gallons of water were lost from the end of

October to the beginning of November.

The gym is still being used for basketball and wrestling competition.

The school district is still working with its insurance carrier toward resolution, but the mitigation could go

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Homedale’s youth wonder what hometown will look like in 2025

From left: Seventh-grader Lizzy Egusquiza, daughter of Joe and Sarah Egusquiza; and eighth-graders Devin Kent, son of Adam and Sarah Kent; and Lane Griswold, son of Lance and Christina Griswold, plan their image of what they want Homedale to look like in the near future. The Homedale Middle School students worked on the Homedale 2025 service project with advisor Sean McCrackin, a science teacher, and Levi Mogg from Americorps during the Saturday exercise open to fifth- through 12th-graders.

Marsing woman receives probation for drug conviction

A Marsing woman is on two years probation after a felony drug conviction.

Amanda E. Parmentier was sentenced on Jan. 12 by Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan in Murphy.

Parmentier was charged on Aug. 28 with two counts of controlled substance possession, but Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped one charge when the woman entered a guilty plea prior to sentencing.

In addition to supervised probation, Parmentier must pay \$735.50 in court costs.

Ryan entered a withheld judgment on the case, meaning Parmentier can get the conviction expunged if she successfully completes probation.

Parmentier was arrested on Aug. 26 when a deputy found evidence of hydrocodone pills in her vehicle during a traffic stop.

HPD gets opioid OD reversal tool

Emergency responders train in Narcan use

Homedale Police officers have another weapon in the burgeoning opioid epidemic.

Every officer on the force attended last week’s Homedale Ambulance training to learn more about the indications of an opioid overdose and what steps to take to reverse the effects.

Police officers and ambulance crew took part in the training during a Jan. 15 meeting at the Homedale Ambulance hall.

The training focused on the use of a product called Narcan. Resembling a nasal spray container, the device can be used to administer the OD reversal substance through a person’s nostrils.

“It could singlehandedly be one of the most important tools in lifesaving during an opiate-based overdose,” Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

Each HPD officer carries the antidote when he is on patrol, Eidemiller said. The police department even has special doses for canine officer Brady in case she comes in contact with opiates while conducting searches.

Eidemiller said last week’s training helped attendees learn what to look for when they are on a service call to determine if someone is experiencing an opioid-based overdose. The danger of overdose exists with illicit drugs such as heroin, but Eidemiller said even the legal prescription painkillers can be misused even accidentally.

Although Narcan is now in the arsenal for HPD and Homedale Ambulance, among other emergency services agencies in the county, the product is available through local pharmacies as well, Eidemiller said.

Both Homedale Drug and the pharmacy at Albertsons will dispense Narcan.

Homedale Drug pharmacist Leo Frank said that some doctors have begun including Narcan in opioid prescriptions, while an Albertsons pharmacist said the reversal drug can be obtained there if a person can prove they’ve been trained in its use.

“I’m extremely happy to see this product available for the general public’s use because in these types of overdoses, seconds literally count,” Eidemiller said.

— JPB

Police chief: 2018 starts with pot cases

Drug cases have become a regular occurrence for the Homedale Police Department.

Recent arrests have been for “user-level” offenders, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

“We’re seeing a lot of marijuana cases, and it’s important for people to know (that) just because it’s legal in nearly all the states around us, it’s still illegal in Idaho,” Eidemiller said.

“We will aggressively seek out, arrest and prosecute anybody involved in any drug activity.”

HPD officers have handled three misdemeanor marijuana possession cases since the start of the new year, Eidemiller said.

Eidemiller alluded to one of the recent calls connected to marijuana possession during the Jan. 10 city council meeting, but didn’t give details because the case is still under investigation.

Also during the council meeting, Eidemiller announced that the department had filed paperwork to obtain a portion of \$20,000 seized during a federal drug raid on a South Main Street residence in August.

“That’s a significant process,” Eidemiller said of trying to obtain drug proceeds.

Eidemiller said authorities recovered five pounds of methamphetamine during that search, and Mexican national Ricardo Renteria-Castillo was arrested during the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency-led operation.

HPD and Nampa SWAT personnel also assisted.

If the department receives any of the seized cash proceeds, the money can only be used for drug enforcement-related expenditures.

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✓ MHS: School still working with insurance carrier on broken pipe mess

beyond the gymnasium floor.

Marsing schools superintendent Norm Stewart said the district's insurance adjuster sent a group out to check for voids under the foundation that may have been caused by erosion brought on by rushing water. The process involves drilling holes and, if any voids are found, filling them with a supporting foam.

"The problem is if the void is too big, it's obviously a much bigger issue," Stewart said. "We'll have to tackle that at that time."

A slight buckling of the gym floor was noticed just before Christmas. Damage is now noticeable along the seams at the south end of the floor, Stewart said.

"We started seeing some unevenness to the floor," Stewart said. "It looked like it was starting to come up."

A floor expert dispatched by the insurance adjuster used infrared monitors to scope the



The Marsing High School gym floor shows some damage as a result of the broken pipe beneath the bathroom floor. There is some visible buckling and warping of the south side of the gym.

walls and floor. The results showed there was definitely moisture coming up.

Stewart said that if the moisture barrier beneath the floor is a paper one, it could be dried out. The process would involve tenting the floor and pumping in hot air to evaporate the water.

A similar project happened at a Nampa gym last year, and the process took about 10 days, Stewart said.

The expert informed the school district that the floor is safe enough to wait for the end of basketball season before beginning the drying process.

"It's been over a month since the insurance adjuster has been out," Stewart said. "We keep finding more damage."

New middle school project awaiting bids

The school district is waiting for bids to start its planned construction of a new middle school, among other related

projects.

The bids will come in Feb. 15. Stewart said the plan is to call a special board meeting, tentatively planned for Feb. 22, to accept the winning bid.

In preparation for the beginning of construction, a transformer box will need to be temporarily relocated and, when the construction has reached the appropriate point, relocated again by the middle school.

According to Stewart, everything is still on schedule. A ground breaking, which begins with the tearing down of the now-vacant school district office, is set to start in March.

School district offices have been relocated to the high school.

There's a great deal of anticipation and excitement for Stewart.

"It's like Christmas," he said. "We're just impatiently waiting for it to get here."

— TK

✓ Budget: Emery seeks raises and extra manpower to battle felony cases

Emery wants to keep the cases in his office but is requesting additional staff to come on for assistance. He said he would continue to be the lead attorney for the Vandenberg prosecution. He anticipates that the Vandenberg trial would happen first, likely a year from now. Vandenberg is accused of firing the shots that killed 18-year-old Oregon hitchhiker Hunter Smith.

He suggested possibly bringing in retired prosecutors — trial attorneys who have expertise in homicide cases — to take part of the load in the cases of Rabey and Reed, who have been charged as co-conspirators.

"I would suggest that we bring in a newly licensed attorney to assist with some of the lower-end cases on our caseload," Emery said.

Emery said his workload and resulting stress level are beyond what attorneys in surrounding counties experience.

He said typically, when involved in similar capital crimes such as the ones he is tackling, senior attorneys will not be involved in anything else. Their total focus is on those cases. He does not have the manpower to be able to do that, he said.

The essence of what Emery is asking for is an additional attorney to handle some of his more minor felony cases, as well as two experienced criminal trial attorneys to work on the cases of Rabey and Reed.

He is additionally asking for increased compensation for himself, in the amount of \$35,000. The purpose of this increase in salary, Emery said, is to put his salary on par with

other prosecutors in Idaho. He said his pay does not reflect the overwhelming workload he carries.

Emery said that the money he's asking for is for the current year and when the new fiscal year starts the commissioners can analyze what the allocation will be for his salary.

He later told The Owyhee Avalanche that he would waive his request for a lump sum payment if it was considered unreasonable or was to be a sticking point.

Emery also seeks a \$20,000 pay increase for Kreis, who was hired on a part-time basis

in November.

He also seeks \$40,000 to bring on a newly licensed attorney. The figure is a pro-rated annual salary of \$60,000 for the remaining eight months of Fiscal Year 2018.

He is asking for \$70,000 to pay attorneys for the Rabey and Reed trials.

Another \$10,000 would be split evenly between witness fees and his office supplies line, which covers items such as furnishings, diagrams, and jury trial exhibits.

"There's a lot to process here," BOCC chair Kelly Aberasturi told Emery. "We're going

to need time to see what other options we have."

Emery said that he has even heard from judges about the weight of his increased workload.

Aberasturi pointed out to Emery that when the prosecutor ran for office the pay was understood and that he wouldn't be seeking a raise during his time in office.

Emery said that promise was made estimating on the caseload at the time he was campaigning for his third term in office two years ago.

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Economic savings, mental and physical therapy, and control over the use of pesticides and chemicals are just a few of the many rewards and benefits that come from growing your own garden.

Gaining these benefits requires knowledge of the site conditions as well as the specific growing preferences of plants and careful planning to match the site conditions with the plant’s growing preferences and care.

No garden is maintenance-free.

Knowing when to plant seeds and how many plants to grow is an important part of the planning phase of a garden. Starting seeds indoors can give you a jump start on the growing sea-



Rich Guggenheim

University of Idaho Extension

son and can also provide a fun science activity for the children and youth in your home.

The first thing to know when starting a garden is the last frost date for your area. In Homedale, it is possible to have frost as late as June 11. Keep in mind this is an average, and a late spring frost is a possibility all gardeners in Idaho must live with.

Now that you know when the average last frost is, you’re ready to start planning when to plant seeds. But before you can do that, you need to ask yourself several questions: What will you plant? Does it receive full sun, partial sun such as morning sun, afternoon sun, or is it in shade most of the day? How will you water your garden? What kind of water will the plants require? What kind of soil do you have in your garden: sand, or do you have clayey soils? Have you amended the garden with organic matter?

I recommend incorporating

3-4 inches of plant-based organic matter to your vegetable garden each spring to a depth of 6-8 inches. If you choose to add fertilizer to your garden, now would be a good time to incorporate it.

Now you’ve figured out what you want to grow and where to grow it, right? Let’s look at when you can start planting your seeds indoors.

Broccoli is a cool-season crop, along with cabbage, kale, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower. Cool-season crops can be started in late February or early March indoors and planted outside once the danger of frost has passed. Because these crops are cool-season crops, start another round of seeds indoors in August and plant outside in September for a fall harvest.

Celery, another cool-season crop, is a great vegetable, but have you ever grown it as a border plant in your perennial or annual garden? The leaf texture can offer a unique look that is edible and great for conversation.

Sow bean seeds directly into

the soil after soil temperatures are above 60°F.

Melons, squash, tomatoes, peppers and warm-season plants can be started indoors around mid- to late April and planted outside when all danger of frost has passed.

Remember that tomatoes will not set fruit if nighttime temperatures are below 55°F.

Use walls of water to help protect from cool nighttime temperatures. In our area, where leaf hoppers can transmit tomato virus, use a shade cloth to distract the leaf hoppers and grasshoppers and to help prevent sunscald on your fruit.

For more information on gardening, like the Canyon County Master Gardeners on Facebook, or call the University of Idaho Extension at (208) 459-6003

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Txoko Ona plans elections

New board members will be elected during Sunday’s annual meeting of the Txoko Ona Basque Club.

The doors open at noon with lunch at 1 p.m. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. inside the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

Terms are expiring for vice-president Mike Frank, treasurer Danny Uranga and director Lori Aguirre.

Any Txoko Ona member interested in running for a spot on the board can call any current director.

The rest of the club’s board includes president John Lejardi, secretary LeAnda Uranga and directors Marc Asumendi, Fred Egurrola and Christine Heldt.

Txoko Ona will play host to a mus tournament on Sunday, Feb. 18. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with breakfast, and the tournament starts at 10 a.m.

The cost to play is \$35 for a Txoko Ona membership, \$10 for a North American Basque Organization (NABO) mus fee and \$20 to cover breakfast and lunch.

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Homedale, Marsing recycling sites have restrictions

Changing guidelines force reminder on what’s acceptable

Recycling centers are tightening the rules on what they’ll accept, but Westowns Disposal Inc., is determined to keep its public collection sites open. The Homedale-based trash collection company still maintains collection sites in Homedale and Marsing, but owner Bill Pastoor is asking folks to amend

the type of recycleables they leave at the bins. Collection sites are located east of Homedale City Hall and in Marsing on 20 1st Ave. W., near the Marsing city maintenance shop and City Park. The types of material accepted at the self-service locations include:

- Newsprint — Only newspapers are accepted. Inserts on glossy paper and insert mail items are not accepted.
- Plastic — Soda bottles, water bottles, milk jugs and laundry detergent jugs are the only types of plastic that

are recyclable.

- Corrugated cardboard only — Pastoor asks folks to flatten the boxes, and reminds people that retail food boxes such as cereal boxes aren’t acceptable.
- Aluminum cans and clean aluminum foil — Foil with a paper backing cannot be accepted, Pastoor said.

Pastoor urges folks to flatten the recyclable items before dropping them off. This will economize the space in the recycling trailer, reducing the number of days the site is closed when

Westowns has to transport a full load. Pastoor said his company removes about 12 yards of recyclable material every two weeks from the Homedale location. Figuring 300 pounds per yard of recyclable items, that amounts to 47 tons of material gathered at the Homedale location each year. Marsing statistics weren’t available. Call Westowns Disposal Inc., at (208) 337-4359 with any questions on recycling in general and specific questions about what you can drop off.

Obituaries

Danice Payne



John Steven Fisher

John Steven Fisher, of Homedale, died on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at home of natural causes. A memorial service will be held at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Rd., Wilder, Idaho, on Friday, January 26, 2018 at 1:00 PM. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Danice Payne, 75, of Jordan Valley, OR, died on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at a Caldwell hospital. Danice was born June 7, 1942 in Klamath Falls, Oregon to Dale and Edith Brown. The first part of her life they lived on the Bittner Ranch in Nevada, close to Cedarville, California. In 1948 they moved to Rome, Oregon. There she started first grade in a one-room school house, she being the only student in her class until the seventh grade. She graduated from the 8th grade at Rome and went on to graduate out of the Jordan Valley High School in 1960. In 1962 she married a local ranch boy “Pat Payne,” and they lived on the ranch in Jordan Valley. They were blessed



with two children: Gary and Terry. She worked hard for many hours in the hayfield, on horseback, irrigating and cooking for many people over the years. She had Jesus in her heart and attended the Church of the Rock in Jordan

Valley. In later years, Pat & Danice had the opportunity to travel to the NFR in Las Vegas several times. She enjoyed sewing and ATV 4-wheeling. Her greatest joy was her Children, Grandkids and Great-grandkids. She loved them all very much. Danice was preceded in death by her parents, Mother and Father-In-Law, Tex and Agnes Payne. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Pat Payne; daughter, Terry (Jerry) White of J.V. and Son, Gary Payne of J.V.; brother, LeRoy (Linda) Brown, of J.V.; sister, Patty (Terry) Ackerman, of Ontario; sister, Lois Murray of Nampa, a brother-in-law Ted Payne of J.V., six grandchildren: J.T.

White, Michael White, Jessica Greene, Chelicy Payne, Shelly Cline and Rory Davis, and 3 great-grandchildren with another one due in May. Danice’s viewing will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 4:00-8:00 PM. at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM. at the Jordan Valley, OR Lions Den Hall. Interment will follow at Jordan Valley Cemetery. Dinner will follow at the Parish Hall. Condolences may be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com The family suggests contributions be made to the Jordan Valley Cemetery District, PO Box 387, Jordan Valley, OR. 97910.

Virginia Irene Tolsma Josephson

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Virginia Irene Tolsma Josephson, 96, passed away on January 19, 2018, in Caldwell at Autumn Wind’s Expressions unit. The family would like to thank them for the care they gave her these last few months. Virginia was born December 18, 1921 to Homer and Susie Holiday in Parsons, Kansas. She moved to Idaho when she was 2 months old with her parents and her older sister, Helen. Virginia attended Meridian High School and graduated in 1939. On October 22, 1942 she



married Raymond Tolsma, and gained a 2-year-old son, Ronald. They went on to have

3 more boys, Donald, Tony and Kim. Virginia and Ray were partners in Meridian Lanes for 5 years, until they became the proprietors of Owyhee Lanes, in Homedale, in December 1964. She loved bowling, and continued to do so until she was 90. She also enjoyed all types of fishing. Virginia loved to make a variety of homemade gifts for her family through her sewing, knitting and crocheting, until her eyesight gave out. In 1972, they also started Tolsma Trailer Sales, where they would travel across the country hauling fifth-wheel camping trailers back to Idaho to sell. When Ray got sick, she continued to make these journeys across the country without him. She was a tiny woman filled with spunk and determination; there was nothing that she wouldn’t do, or at least try to do. On June 8, 1977 Virginia married Donald Josephson, for their honeymoon, they

took their grandchildren to Disneyland. That was the start to 40 wonderful years together. The family is so grateful to Don for his deep love for Virginia and the care that he has given to her over the years. Virginia is survived by: her loving husband Don Josephson; sons Ronald Tolsma (Julia) of Meridian, Donald Tolsma (Sandra) of Arizona, Tony Tolsma (Ruby) of Caldwell, and Kim Tolsma of Caldwell; 7 grandchildren and many great- and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Harvey Smith, and her first husband Raymond Tolsma. A Viewing was held at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell on Tuesday, January 23 from 5pm to 8pm. Grave-side service will be Wednesday, January 24 at 3pm, at Terrace Lawn Cemetery in Meridian. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com



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Al gets his wheels

I don't know if he had to pay for it or got it for hauling, but my father-in-law Al Allison brought home a 1936 Dodge frame that had been converted into a farm wagon. To be kind, it was a piece of junk and not just a little unsafe. After a lot of work from his sons-in-law, Al's project had some structural integrity, new wood, brakes and steering. It was still a mid-'30s Dodge with 1 HP, and though Al was seemingly happy with it as it was, I was not. A man who spent plenty of time pushing cattle and horses in Owyhee County, Al was the very definition of a cowboy personified, and what he needed was a real horse-drawn carriage.

I had bought a large pile of rusty metal from Les Hopkins, and from that I sorted out the parts for a single-seat carriage. With the help of my brother John, I restored it, or rather reconstructed it, which is somewhat like putting together a dinosaur skeleton having only a few bones to go by. I then surprised Al with it on Christmas Day in 1994.



Yes, I was a very popular son-in-law. He used it to train horses, drove it in parades and in weddings and just joy riding around the pasture and ditchbanks with grandkids and friends. It was nice, but it was too small.

So out of my ever-growing pile of vintage metal, I gathered the pieces for a two-seat spring wagon with a pole for two horses or shafts for one horse. Again, it was like putting together a large puzzle using pictures and museum visits to find information on how the parts of the puzzle fit together. I can't recall that



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Stan
Soran

there was much fanfare when I gave him this carriage, but he really loved it. Parades and weddings now could have more participation as this could easily haul four people. He won several awards with the spring wagon and the match pair of roans that drew it.

While I was building the spring wagon, I got the idea that what Al REALLY wanted was a stagecoach. Why? Well, because that's what I wanted. I gathered photographs from museums and dimensions from mud wagons all over the western

states. I even used coaches and carriages built by Mike Hanley as models.

I eventually had a pretty good set of drawings and plans for the running gear, and with the help of my brother John, I got started. From Rand Collins, I bought a farm wagon that had sat on the Corta Ranch in Jordan Valley for decades. That wagon had the right wheel hubs and axles. Mike Hanley rebuilt the wheels in trade for work on his Model T, which is another story for later on.

It wasn't long before the gear with wheels and axles was a roller. My buddy Dave asked me what I intended to do with it when it was done. I told him I had hopes the purpose would become more evident as I went along. Then the project stalled as other things crowded into the schedule — like being a dad!

The mud wagon frame was shuffled from one storage place to another until 2011 when Al died. The two carriages were sold, and after several years so

was the stagecoach frame. The old Dodge farm wagon now sets on the side of the road somewhere in Nampa, presumably as yard art. The spring wagon is used for events at a church camp. The single-seat carriage came back around to my brother-in-law Jeff Smith, and the mud wagon went to Massachusetts as a restaurant prop.

I still have a gigantic pile of old and new carriage parts that I would love to build something out of, but as the saying goes, "A man's got to know his limitations."

— Caldwell resident Stan Soran's family has a long history of Owyhee County capers. Since the 1950s, the Soran Family has had a mine on Soldier Creek. Four generations of family and friends have hiked, hunted, played, panned, partied, mined, built, burned and rebuilt at the "Cabin." If you have an Owyhee County tale you'd like to reminisce about, call (208) 337-4681 or email jon@owyheeavalanche.com for submission information.



Above: Carriage seat suspension parts were rebuilt in a workshop. **Right:** Al's single-seat carriage. Submitted photos



Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

- Salad bar available with each meal:
lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available every day
- Jan. 23: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, spinach, roll
 - Jan. 24: Ham and beans, carrots, corn bread, roll
 - Jan. 25: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, roll
 - Jan. 30: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, roll
 - Jan. 31: Beef stew, roll

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Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** Blueberry bash, mini waffles, string cheese, pears, apple juice **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn
Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich, applesauce, orange juice **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit snack
Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar, string cheese, peaches, apple juice **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, potato smiles
Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, yogurt, applesauce, orange juice **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots
Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Powdered sugar donut, string cheese, pears, apple juice **Lunch:** Crispito, corn

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day
Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears, juice **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn
Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** Donut or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich, tossed salad, cookie
Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or cereal, orange wedges **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs or chicken nuggets, steamed carrots
Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or cereal, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Nachos or PB&J sandwich
Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Hot dog or fish nuggets, string cheese

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day
Jan. 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast casserole or mini pancakes or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Pork chjop or cheeseburger steak, roasted finger potatoes, dinner roll, goldfish crackers
Jan. 25: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait or cereal, string cheese **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs or toasted cheese sandwich, homemade tomato soup
Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or BeneFIT bar or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Calzone or popcorn chicken, dinner roll, steamed carrots
Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll or breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Meatball sub sandwich with macaroni salad or chef salad grab-n-go
Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Biscuits/gravy or mini waffles or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Crisпитos or rib-b-que, green beans

Marsing Elementary

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
Jan. 24: Enchiladas & rice, baked sweet potatoes or PB&J homemade, baked sweet potatoes
Jan. 25: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad or PB&J homemade, tossed salad, pudding
Jan. 29: Cheeseburger, seasoned fries or PB&J homemade, seasoned fries
Jan. 30: Chicken penne Alfredo, Italian breadstick, steamed broccoli or PB&J homemade, steamed broccoli
Jan. 31: Tater tot casserole, whole-wheat roll, buttered corn or PB&J homemade, buttered corn

Marsing Middle and High

Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
Jan. 24: Enchiladas & rice, baked sweet potatoes
Jan. 25: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad or PB&J & sun chips, tossed salad, pudding
Jan. 29: Cheeseburger, seasoned fries or chicken nuggets & roll, seasoned fries
Jan. 30: Chicken penne Alfredo, Italian breadstick, steamed broccoli or assorted sandwiches & sun chips, steamed broccoli
Jan. 31: Tater tot casserole, whole-wheat roll, buttered corn or pork taco, refried beans

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Calendar

Today

Owyhee County P&Z hearing
10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2
Movie time
Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
Preschool story time
3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
Christian Life Club after-school program
4 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com
Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

Free lunch
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Monday

Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Homedale Friends

Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

Tuesday

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
After-school program
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019

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Saturday, Feb. 3

Marsing Disaster Auction
10:13 a.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.,

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Man can serve DUI sentence on work release

A Melba-area man must serve two years probation after a misdemeanor drunk driving conviction. Cody R. Clow was sentenced Jan. 16 by Third District Judge Davis VanderVelde. VanderVelde ordered Clow to serve 28 days in jail, but will allow him to do so on a work release program. Clow received credit for the two days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after his Aug. 8 arrest. Clow must pay \$1,052.50 in court costs and fines, and his driving privileges are suspended for six months.

Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

Jan. 12
Clow, Cody R., Melba — Misdemeanor DUI (amended from felony DUI, third or subsequent offense): 2 days jail served (28 days on work release), 6 months driver’s license suspension, 2 years supervised probation, \$1,052.50 fines and court fees
Parmentier, Amanda E., Marsing — Felony drug possession (2 counts): 2 years supervised probation

Jan. 9
White, Jephtha Livingstone, Marsing — Misdemeanor fail to give immediate notice of accident: \$303 fines and court fees

Jan. 8
Smith, Kristin A., El Dorado Hills, Calif. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession and paraphernalia possession: 30 days jail (suspended), \$497.50 fines and court fees

Jan. 3
Cook, Kevin Richard, Nampa — Misdemeanor petit theft: \$647.50 fines and court fees
Cuevas, Raul, Jr., Homedale — Misdemeanor malicious injury to property: 180 days jail suspended, \$647.50 fines and court fees
Dunning, Justin M., Caldwell — Misdemeanor DUI and marijuana possession: 2 days jail (178 days suspended), 6 months driver’s license suspended, \$650 fines and court fees



The Wilson Butte 4-H club recently elected its 2018 officers. **From left:** Colton Brown, president; Gabor Noe, vice-president; Hannah Moos, secretary; Mailen Jaca, treasurer; and Hayden Higgins, sergeant-at-arms. Submitted photo

2018 4-H activities begin to stir

Wilson Butte elects officers; leader training upcoming

The Wilson Butte 4-H club started another year last week, welcoming new members and electing officers. The meeting took place on Jan. 15 inside the Wilson Schoolhouse on Johnston Lane off Idaho highway 78. The club discussed project goals as well as participation in the Melba Community Auction

and the Marsing Disaster Auction. Club members talked about volunteering at both auctions — the Melba auction was held Saturday, and the Marsing auction takes place Saturday, Feb. 3 — as community service.

Donations to both auctions also were discussed. Club leaders this year include Mary Blackstock, who’s in charge of beef projects; Kelly Ineck (swine, goat, aerospace, cat, and Miscellaneous and Family Consumer Science); and Ashley Bowers (sheep and FCS).

year leaders must complete paperwork and online trainings by Feb. 1.

Youth Valentine’s workshop

The Owyhee County 4-H Valentine’s workshop for ages 8-18 will be held in Marsing and Grand View next month. Snacks and supplies will be provided. The cost is \$5 per youth, and registration closes on Thursday, Feb. 1. The Marsing workshop will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W. The Grand View workshop will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Feb. 9, at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St. For information on the workshop or other 4-H items, call the county Extension Office at (208) 896-4104.

Other 4-H news

4-H enrollment is open until March 1. Weigh-in days will be held March 3 for beef, April 9 for swine and May 18 for sheep and goat. The Owyhee County Fair runs Aug. 6-11. 4-H leader training will be held on Feb. 12, and first-

Homedale library ready for game time

The Homedale Public Library’s youth programs continue Friday. It’ll be swine time at Story Time at 10:15 a.m., as children hear two tales about pigs. “What This Story Needs is a Pig in a Wig,” will be followed by “Pigs Make Me Sneeze!” Fun physical activities are planned after the readings, including balloon tennis, popcorn popping, rollerball and Simon says. The Teens and Tweens program, which convenes at

4 p.m. on Friday, will have a game night. Teens and Tweens is open to all boys and girls ages 10-17. The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Call the library at (208) 337-4228 for more information on its programs.

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Homedale Middle School teammates Rylan Love (left) and Logan Romans discuss a question as other players look on in the first round last Wednesday.



Sadie Raine (third from left) leans in as Amber McBride (at left) answers a question during the second round of last Wednesday's Academic Bowl. **From left:** McBride, Jocelynn Roseborough, Raine, and Matt Riha.

Homedale gets a piece of third at Academic Bowl

Fast start in speed round dissipates for home team

The home team rallied, but fell short late in last Wednesday's Academic Bowl at Homedale Middle School. Tied for third heading into the speed round, the Trojans rattled off a couple of correct questions before Weiser roared past Fruitland and Parma to win the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet. Homedale wound up tied for third, scoring 90 points along with Oregon schools Vale and Ontario.

"We started off the final round strong and then got a couple wrong, which took points off," HMS Academic Bowl advisor Jan Silva said. "Still, I'm pretty pleased with this young team's performance, and we will work on third-round strategies in future practices." Weiser scored 40 points in the speed round, snapping out of a second-place tie with Parma for the victory. Parma didn't get any points in the speed round, and Fruitland lost 10 points to lose its grip on the second-round lead. McCain Middle School from Payette finished last with 70 points.

HMS teacher Starla Bender served as the question reader, and she had to remind a few bowlers — with a chuckle and a smile — that they weren't playing Jeopardy! after they answered in the form of a question. There were about 50 spectators on hand, and judge George Decker — an HMS parent — was called on to rule on answers a couple times during the competition. HMS staff helped tally the points after each round. Scorekeepers included Nikki Christiansen, Becky DeMark and Samantha Smith. In the opening round, contestants had to huddle

and then come up with a written answer to one of 10 questions. Homedale got half of the questions right, and was in third place — 10 points before second-place Vale, which had scored 60 — after the first round. Fruitland, Ontario, Parma and Weiser answered seven of 10 questions correctly and shared the lead with 70 points. In the second round, Bender went around the cafeteria, asking each team a direct question that required a verbal answer after a conference. Categories ranged from Science to History to Geography. Bender spent a large portion of the second round asking contestants to provide the capital cities of western hemisphere countries, including Canada (Ottawa), Brazil (Brasilia), Cuba (Havana), Suriname (Paramaribo), Panama (Panama City), and Guyana (Georgetown), among others. Homedale ended the second round tied for third with Vale. Both had 80 points, while Fruitland scored 40 points in the second round to surge ahead of Weiser and Parma by 10 points. The next meet is scheduled for 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Fruitland. — JPB

From page 1

✓ Future City: Fundraiser set at Friday's Trojans game

champion earning a trip to nationals. A fundraiser is planned during Friday's Senior Night girls' basketball game against Parma, but no specifics were available at press time. The team has only a few weeks to raise money for the trip. The 26th annual national competition will take place between Feb. 16 and Feb. 21 in the nation's capital. The HMS Future City squad was regional runner-up last year. In the history of HMS' participation, the school has had three champions and three runner-up teams as well as a third-place finish in 2016 and back-to-back fourth-place showings in 2014 and 2015. This year's regional runner-up was Sacred Heart Catholic Junior High School.

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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)	(measured in inches)	(measured in inches)	Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
1/16	0.1	1	4.3	41	28	35
1/17	0.1	1	4.3	43	27	36
1/18	0.2	1	4.4	52	33	41
1/19	0.4	2	4.5	35	12	28
1/20	n/a	1	4.5	31	14	25
1/21	n/a	2	4.6	33	10	24
1/22	0.5	1	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
1/16	1.2	3	7.0	42	30	33
1/17	1.3	4	7.1	45	29	35
1/18	1.3	4	7.1	49	30	41
1/19	1.3	6	7.5	31	22	26
1/20	1.4	8	7.6	28	22	24
1/21	1.4	6	7.6	32	21	27
1/22	1.5	8	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
1/16	2.9	7	11.5	47	30	38
1/17	3.4	7	11.5	45	31	40
1/18	2.8	7	11.6	47	31	42
1/19	3.1	9	11.8	32	21	26
1/20	3.5	13	12.4	26	22	23
1/21	3.6	12	12.5	29	18	25
1/22	3.6	12	12.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 67 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 368 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 37 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 482,179 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

Homedale man faces battery charge

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies were called to a domestic violence situation on Industrial Road on Jan. 12 in Homedale. The call came from a juvenile who reported that "stepdad hit mom," according to the dispatch report.

The victim, a 40-year-old female, reported that Michael Patrick Kube, 60, of Homedale punched her in the face. Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that there

was visible redness on the woman's face. The victim also confessed to hitting Kube three to four times in an attempt to get him to stop hitting her. Kube's face was bleeding when he deputies

Michael Kube

arrived. Both victim and suspect refused medical treatment. Kube was arrested on a charge of battery in the presence of a child, a misdemeanor. He entered a not guilty plea before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober last Wednesday in a Homedale courtroom.

A pretrial hearing before Grober is scheduled for Feb. 26.

— TK

Man allegedly smokes meth in deputy's presence

A Marsing man faces a felony drug charge after he was spotted allegedly smoking methamphetamine on a business premises.

Eliseo Perez, 40, was arrested after an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy discovered him smoking methamphetamine under a canopy behind a Marsing bar on Jan. 13.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Perez was smoking the meth in the presence of the responding deputy, who arrived in the vicinity of the Pair-a-Dice Café at the corner of Main Street and Old Bruneau Highway.

Perez was arrested on a charge of felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia. He allegedly had 0.4 grams of the illegal narcotic.

Still in custody at the Owyhee County Jail on a \$5,000 bond, Perez will appear before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober at 1:30 p.m., on Monday for his preliminary hearing.

• Roger Allen Hance, 37, of Marsing faces sentencing next month after pleading guilty to misdemeanor driving under the influence.

Deputies arrested Hance on suspicion of drunk driving at Main Street and Reich Street in the early hours of Jan. 13.

Hance was spotted driving his 2005 Pontiac Grand Am erratically and crossing on to the shoulder, according to Bowman.

Deputies reported a strong smell of alcohol from the car and on Hance's person. They also said his speech was slurred.

Hance failed the field sobriety test and reportedly had a blood-alcohol level of .242, more than three times the legal limit (.08 in Idaho).

The suspect already has entered a guilty plea to misdemeanor excessive DUI, but he pled not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of driving with a suspended license.

Grober is scheduled to impose sentencing on Feb. 21.

— TK

Jordan Valley winter weed seminar planned

Pesticide recertification credits for both Idaho and Oregon will be available during a winter weed seminar next month.

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area will hold the seminar beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95).

Idaho and Oregon pesticide recertification credits will be available during the seminar.

Agenda items include:

- Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison will give an update on the organization.
- Cindy Fritz from the Idaho Bureau of Land Management will provide news on the Soda Fire planning implementation and results.
- Lonnie Huter from the BLM Boise District will talk about controlling noxious weeds in the wake of the Soda Fire rehabilitation.
- Dr. Matthew Geronimo from the U.S. Geological Survey will discuss how exotic grasses and forbs found on rangeland respond

to management experimental treatments.

- Kevin Jensen, who works for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service in Logan, Utah, plans to talk about the use of grasses and legumes for fall and winter grazing.
- Another USDA ARS staffer from Logan, Utah, Blair Waldron, will discuss establishing and producing forage kochia.
- Bonnie Rasmussen from the Oregon Department of Agriculture will round out the specific presentations with a talk about the identification and control of high-priority noxious weeds.
- The final portion of the meeting, scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., will cover partner and industry updates with short 5- to 10-minute presentations.

For more information, contact the Jordan Valley CWMA office at (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net.

Anyone planning to visit the CWMA office at 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley should call ahead in case Morrison is in the field.

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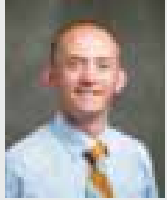
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Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire volunteer Louis Monson stands near a rolled pickup and camper on Idaho highway 78. MRW Facebook photo

Rollover injures one

A pickup with a camper pulling a horse trailer was involved in a rollover near mile marker 29 on Idaho highway 78 last Wednesday.

When Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District volunteers arrived, the truck was on its side. The vehicle’s occupants had to be extricated.

One person was transported to a Nampa hospital by Marsing Ambulance, according to MRW public information officer Louis Monson.

The trailer did not roll, and the horse suffered minor injuries. Two dogs in the camper were unhurt.

• Christopher Young, 42, of Nampa faces multiple misdemeanor charges after rolling a semi-trailer full of sugar beets and then allegedly leaving the scene Friday on Idaho 78.

A TranSystems trailer rolled after it detached from the semi Young was driving toward Nampa. He then left the cargo on the roadway, according to

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen.

Young has been charged with leaving the scene of an accident, failing to report an accident, willfully leaving debris on the highway, and inattentive driving.

Deputies couldn’t reach Young by phone until the day after the wreck. The man voluntarily visited the sheriff’s office to discuss the case.

• Kahlia Jeanette Gracia, 22, a Boise woman, is in county jail on multiple charges.

Gracia was pulled over last Wednesday after failing to dim her headlights, Olsen said.

She was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance after deputies allegedly found more than three ounces of marijuana. She also faces a misdemeanor paraphernalia charge.

There was a 3-year-old child in the vehicle, so Gracia also has been charged with misdemeanor injury to child. — TK

BLM plans sagebrush steppe scoping meetings

EIS comment deadline March 1

Boise and Twin Falls are the closest locations for scoping meetings to discuss a natural resource plan that will benefit Owyhee country public lands stakeholders.

The first of the Bureau of Land Management’s 14 meetings throughout the West takes place Tuesday in Boise.

The BLM will gather input for the preparation of two Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements (PEIS) aimed at reducing wildfires and restoring sagebrush steppe habitat.

One PEIS will analyze fuel breaks as a tool against the spread of wildfire. The other will look at replacing invasive species with native grasses and plants in sagebrush steppe burned by rangeland fires.

Scoping meetings will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the following Southwest Idaho locations:

- Tuesday at Wyndham Garden Hotel, Boise Airport, 3300 S. Vista Ave., Boise
- Feb. 13 at Canyon Springs Red Lion Inn, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls

Public comment will be accepted until March 1:

- By email at GRSG_PEIS@blm.gov
- By fax at (208) 373-3805
- By mail to Jonathan Beck, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709

The two PEIS documents will provide standard analyses for fuels breaks and restoration projects, reducing the need for in-depth evaluation on an individual basis. Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington state, Utah and California will be affected.

Inmate ag labor law expansion sought

by Nina Rydalch
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A bill that would allow inmates to work in all areas of agriculture passed the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee on Friday.

S1208, brought forward by Dist. 13 state Sen. Patti Anne Lodge (R-Huston), eliminates the words “perishable” and “food” in the section of Idaho law pertaining to inmate labor in agriculture. The amendment would significantly expand the agricultural industries inmates would be able to work in.

Bill Clayton, founder of Wilder-based Clayton Tree Farm, testified that taking out those two words would allow him to get the labor his business needs. Currently, his farm does not qualify to hire incarcerated laborers, as trees are not classified as “perishable

agriculture food products.”

“We need workers. The Idaho agriculture community needs workers,” he said.

Clayton said when he first began his business, he had more workers than he needed. But in recent years he has rarely had enough, in spite of wage increases and additional bonuses for employees.

Noel Barlow-Hust, warden of South Boise Women’s Correctional Center, said the change would give incarcerated women more opportunities.

Two inmates who had worked in agriculture during their incarceration also testified. Darlene Haley, who worked at a berry ranch in Nampa, said working allowed her to pay back \$500 she owed her parents and begin saving up to buy a car or a place to live once she gets out.

“Physical, mental, I feel very grateful to be able to go out and do a program like that,”

she said.

Charles Robinson, the food safety director for Symms Fruit Ranch in Sunny Slope, testified in favor of the bill.

The committee voted unanimously to send the bill on with a “do pass” recommendation.

On Monday, Dist. 23 Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) said he supported the bill.

He said it won’t “solve the problem, but it could be part of the solution.”

The veteran lawmaker said the bill also appeared to have adequate safety measures in place. He said it will also help inmates “offset their incarceration cost.”

“It gives them a chance to get out and do some work,” Brackett said. “So it’s actually kind of a win-win.”

— Rydalch is a junior at the University of Idaho and a Madison High School grad.

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Jordan Valley boys
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Trojans can't match Grizzlies' tempo in showdown



Chad Mann

The Homedale High School boys' basketball team faced its toughest test of the season matching up with Fruitland with the 3A Snake River Valley conference lead on the line Friday.

The Trojans could never get traction against one of the best 3A teams in the state, and Homedale fell on its home floor, 69-41.

"We knew they were real

tough going in, ranked No. 2 in the state," Mann said. "They've played a difficult non-conference schedule against Bishop Kelly, Emmett, and Shelley."

Mann attributes much of the Trojans' struggles to their inability to match the pace of the Grizzlies (11-4 overall, 3-0 in 3A SRV).

"They really like to push the

tempo and they can go 10 or 11 deep with their guys on, like, a two-minute rotation, so it gives them a lot of fresh legs," the second-year HHS coach said.

Homedale (8-8, 2-1) likes to push the pace as well, but the Trojans couldn't match the Grizzlies' depth.

Homedale cut an 11-point half-time deficit to seven early in the

third quarter, according to Mann.

"The wheels kind of fell off at that point, in the sense that the tough week kind of caught up with us," he said. "We just ran out of fresh legs."

The Fruitland game was the third in four days for the Trojans.

Mann recognized that Homedale just couldn't match

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Foul shots give Mustangs HDL lead

Surviving a pressure cooker down the stretch, Jordan Valley High School grabbed the league lead in girls' basketball Friday.

Jordan Valley's players were perfect in five trips to the free-throw line and came away with a 39-35 1A High Desert League victory over host Crane.

Jordan Valley (10-8 overall, 6-0 in league) took a one-game lead over Crane (10-8, 5-1) in the race for the 1A District 8 tournament top seed.

"The girls all played good, including quality minutes from our subs off bench," Jordan Valley coach Kelsi Skinner said.

"They kept their composure down the stretch, and we were able to keep the leading consistently throughout the game."

Jordan Valley inched up in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll, too, settling in at No. 8 this week.

Regann Skinner scored 16 points against Crane, and teammate Nicole Terry chipped in 15.

Kelsi Skinner said Emilee Burch "had a great defensive game."

Savannah Maupin paced Crane with 13 points.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 54, Monument/Dayville 35

— The Mustangs pulled away in the fourth quarter of a home league game.

"They have some strong posts that made our girls work hard defensively," Skinner said.

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Homedale's Scott Matlock goes to the rim against a host of Marsing defenders last Wednesday. Photo by Dan Pease

Homedale turns back rivals

The Homedale High School gymnasium saw another chapter in an old rivalry unfold last Wednesday.

The hometown Trojans' boys' basketball team faced off against Marsing and completed a non-conference season sweep of the Huskies, winning 49-41.

Homedale had previously defeated Marsing 40-26 on Nov. 30 on the Huskies' floor.

Trojans head coach Chad Mann acknowledged that the Huskies are a different team now than when Homedale faced them in November. Leading scorer Enrique Quebrado was out

with an injury when the two teams met the first time.

"We expected a better team, and that's what we got," Mann said. "They got probably their best player back."

Homedale had been involved in a tough, close

— See *Rivals*, page 17

Egusquiza gets 2nd in Padilla wrestling

Trojans lose 3A SRV dual opener

Joseph Egusquiza's stay in the Padilla Invitational was the most dramatic of six Homedale High School quarterfinal appearances.

The freshman used a sudden victory in Saturday's semifinals to reach the 113-pound championship match where he fell in a 12-9 decision to Emmett's Sam Hyde.

Hyde finished third in last year's 4A state tournament.

The Padilla Invitational was staged Friday and Saturday in Parma.

Egusquiza beat Weiser's Kooper vonBrethorst, 3-1, for a sudden victory in extra time during the semifinals.

Egusquiza's tournament actually began in Friday's quarterfinals after a first-round bye. He routed hometown wrestler Jackson Rudkin with a 13-2 major decision to move on.

Homedale finished 14th in the 18-team tournament, but the Trojans saw plenty of action against fellow 3A Snake River Valley conference wrestlers just in time for the dual meet season to begin.

Ivan Cortez of Homedale and Payette's Anthony Dovalina presented another installment in their rivalry that could play out in the 3A District Tournament next month.

After losing his quarterfinal with a pinfall against Nyssa's Adam Van Meter in 1:47,

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Sports

Marsing girls sweep McCall, could begin district at home

Marsing High School has a good chance to play host to a girls' basketball district opener.

The Huskies completed a season sweep of McCall-Donnelly on Thursday to secure the tiebreaker for the No. 4 seed in the upcoming 2A District III Tournament.

The opening-round games in the district tournament will tip off at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1 on the home floor of the higher seed. Right now, the first-round opponent would be McCall-Donnelly again.

With its 42-27 road win over the Vandals, Marsing solidified its share of fourth place in the 2A Western Idaho Conference standings heading into the final week of the regular season.

The Huskies played No. 7 Nampa Christian in their Senior Night finale Tuesday after deadline, and will wrap up the conference campaign against unbeaten top seed Melba on Thursday.

Saturday: New Plymouth 38, Marsing 27 — Mackenzie Farrens scored her second double-double of the week, but the Pilgrims got comfortable as the No. 3 seed.

Farrens scored 14 points and snagged 16 rebounds.

New Plymouth widened



Autumn Bennett tosses up a shot during Marsing's loss to New Plymouth. Photo by Dan Pease

a four-point lead after three quarters by holding the Huskies to just four points in the final eight minutes.

Thursday: Marsing 42, McCall-Donnelly — Farrens' 14 points and 14 rebounds

helped the Huskies' make the most of their long road trip.

Heading into Tuesday's game against Nampa Christian, the Huskies' only conference wins this season had come against the Vandals.

Huskies ride to key boys' win vs. Mustangs

A rare win over Melba has Marsing High School alone in third place in the 2A Western Idaho Conference boys' basketball standings.

The Huskies shook off a furious first few minutes Friday to beat their hosts, 50-38.

"This was a great win for us on the road," fifth-year Marsing boys' coach Tim Little said. "It's the first win at Melba since I have taken over the boys' program."

The Huskies (7-8 overall, 2-2 in conference) are one game behind No. 2 seed Cole Valley Christian, which visits Marsing tonight for a conference game. In an effort to drum up spirit, school officials are offering free admission to any students who wear blue and gold tonight. The varsity game tips off at 7:30 p.m.

The Huskies had to find their range from downtown early Friday to have a chance to take over third place.

"Defensively, we started out with a lack of concentration and execution," Little said. "All week we had been working on exactly what they were going to do and Melba started off the game doing just what we had prepared for."

The Mustangs scored three-point goals on their first three possessions, but led by only a point, 9-8, after six possessions because Marsing sophomore point guard Joaquin Oliveros nailed a pair of treys and Tyler Wood chipped in a basket.

Marsing's shooters stayed hot, hitting 40 percent of their field-goal attempts and allowing the Huskies to maintain a 15- to 19-point lead through the third quarter.

"However, it was our defense that caused confusion and frustration for Melba," Little said.

Wood grabbed four defensive rebounds, and Enrique Quebrado and Dwight Sevy stopped three Melba possessions apiece with rebounds. The Huskies owned a 16-7 edge on the Mustangs' backboards.


Quebrado stifled Melba's All-2A WIC point guard, Justin Trappett, whose only basket on the night was a three-pointer in the opening moments.

Marsing's junior shooting guard knocked down three treys for a co-game-high 17 points. He shared honors with Melba's Dillon Bodily.


Oliveros and Landry Villa added nine points apiece.

Villa teamed up with fellow bench players Heath Milburn and Cole Wainman to turn back Melba's comeback attempt in the fourth quarter.


MARSING HUSKIES



Girls' basketball
Jade Wainman, Jr., PG
Has scored 7 points in 5 games this season



Boys' basketball
Dwight Sevy, Jr., G
7 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals vs. Melba




Wrestling
Kadin Goins, Jr., 170 pounds
Two victories during WIC Duals


Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 25 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 25 at Melba, 6 p.m.
2A Western Idaho Conference tournament
Saturday, Jan. 27 at Cole Valley Christian or Melba, 11:30 a.m. (if qualify)
Monday, Jan. 29 vs. Cole Valley Christian, Melba or New Plymouth, 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 27 at RD Brown Tournament, New Plymouth, 10 a.m.


Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 24, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m. (Free admission to students wearing blue and gold)
Friday, Jan. 26, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Jan. 24, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6:15 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at New Plymouth, 6:15 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Jan. 24, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.





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Sports

Chilly Trojans skate past cold Pirates

Early burst carries girls to victory

Mired in their own prolonged shooting slump, Homedale High School girls' basketball players figured the best way to win Thursday was to not allow shots.

The defensive strategy paid off in a 59-29 victory over visiting Payette, which remained winless in its past 32 outings in 3A Snake River Valley conference play.

The Trojans (9-9 overall, 4-2 in conference at week's end) were successful on just 22 of 73 field-goal attempts (30.1 percent) in their second-to-last home game of the season.

Payette players grabbed 21 defensive rebounds, but the Pirates managed just 22 shot attempts in 32 minutes to offset Homedale's lack of offensive success.

Homedale started the game on a 12-0 tear, and Payette didn't score until senior Akili Quintero's baseline jump shot with less than two minutes left in the opening frame.

Josey Hall scored on two offensive put-backs in the first quarter on the way to six offensive boards and 13 points. She led Homedale with eight rebounds.

Amaya Carter, another junior post, was aggressive



Junior post Amaya Carter drives past a defender.

in the paint, and it paid off as she converted seven of 10 free throws. She was successful on just four of 14 field-goal attempts, but led all scorers with 15 points. She also had four of her five rebounds on offense.

Homedale led by 23 points at halftime (37-14), but the margin could have been much wider. The Trojans scored just eight points off turnovers in the game and had a difficult time down the stretch in the first half converting Payette's miscues.

Still, Kendall Nash had a three-point goal and an offensive put-back, and Jayci Swallow swiped a steal and put

in a layup during the Trojans' 15-3 spurt to open the second quarter. The run, punctuated by frequent five-note fight-song snippets from the pep band after each basket, pushed Homedale to a 34-8 lead on Faith Jacobson's layup 3 minutes, 8 seconds before the intermission.

Alex Grant knocked down a three-pointer at the end of the half to stem Payette's modest four-point rally.

Swallow and Jacobson scored eight points each, and Nash finished with seven. Grant had six, and Ashley Burks scored a bucket and grabbed four rebounds.

Yixel Granados led Payette (1-18, 0-6 at week's end) with seven points.

Homedale visited Fruitland on Tuesday after deadline in an effort lock up the conference's No. 2 seed in the 3A District III Tournament. The teams entered the game with identical conference records, but the Grizzlies had the upper hand in the seeding tiebreaker after their 36-30 win in Homedale on Jan. 6.

The Trojans' final game comes Friday at home with a Senior Night showdown against conference leader Parma (17-3, 7-0), which wrapped up the No. 1 seed with a Saturday victory against Payette.

✓ Trojans: Matlock gets 12

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the physical play of Fruitland, with the exception of Scott Matlock. The senior finished with 12 points.

"Scotty was unbelievable, very physical," Mann said. "He attacked the rim hard."

Mann said he challenged the guys to bring the same level of intensity into the game with Parma on Thursday that they had in the tough Fruitland matchup.

The Grizzlies' Jake O'Neil finished with 21 points.

Jan. 16: Homedale 45, Vale, Ore., 44 — Homedale needed a big comeback to pull out a non-conference victory on their home floor.

The Trojans opened strong, jumping out to a 7-0 lead.

Vale made the needed adjustments, though. Homedale scored just six more points in the remainder of the first half.

Vale (5-13) led, 27-13, at the half 27-13.

Mann said one of the reasons that his team struggled to score in the first half is that Matlock cut his hand open during play. With Matlock missing seven minutes of the second quarter, the Trojans had no real answer for the Vikings' big men.

The Trojans struggled with health issues as well.

"Carson Brown came into the game completely under the weather, to the point I almost told him to sit this one out," Mann said. "But he talked me into letting him play."

Brown finished the game with eight points, all in the second half.

Mason Kincheloe led all scorers, finishing with 19 for the game. Matlock chipped in nine.

— TK

Homedale Booster crab feed ticket sales in final days

Time is running out to buy tickets for the sixth annual Homedale Booster Club crab and steak feed.

Student-athletes must turn in ticket orders by Thursday so organizers can get the appropriate amount of food for the Saturday, Feb. 10 event.

Tickets are \$45 per person, or a table of eight can be purchased for \$400.

HHS athletic director Casey Grove said about 200 tickets had been sold through last week, but he anticipates the traditional average of 350 tickets to be snapped up.

Tickets are also available by contacting Grove at cgrove@homedaleschools.org or (208) 340-4611.

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Girls' basketball
Amaya Carter, jr., P
Converted 7 of 10 free throws for 15 points vs. Payette

Boys' basketball
Mason Kincheloe, jr., G
Scored 19 points with 4 3-pointers in win over Vale, Ore.

Wrestling
Ivan Cortez, jr., 160 pounds
Two wins and quarterfinal appearance at Padilla Invite

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 26, home vs. Parma (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 26, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Friday, Jan. 26, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.
3A Snake River Valley conference JV and F/S tournaments (In Parma)
Monday, Jan. 29, opponent and time TBA (if nec.)
Tuesday, Jan. 30, opponent and time TBA (if nec.)
Wednesday, Jan. 31, opponent and time TBA (if nec.)

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 25 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27 at Weiser, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 30, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 25 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27 at Weiser, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 30, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 25 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27 at Weiser, noon
Tuesday, Jan. 30, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Jan. 24, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26 at John Berry Classic, Sugar-Salem H.S., 3 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27 at John Berry Classic, Sugar-Salem H.S., 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

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Sports

✓Wrestling: Team gets 14th

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Cortez saw his tournament end with a 3-1 loss to Dovalina in the third round of the consolation bracket.

Cortez reached the quarterfinals with a 1:50 pin of Ridgevue's Trevor Gunter, and he stayed alive in the consolation tournament with a pin over Gooding's Jonathon Carpenter three seconds before the end of their match's opening round.

Jorge Vega dismantled Boise's Riley Ingalls, 23-6, for a first-round technical fall that put him in the quarterfinals at 120 pounds.

Skyview's Genaro Navarro pinned Vega in 3 minutes, 46 seconds in the quarterfinals, but the Homedale wrestler rallied with a 10-4 consolation bracket decision against Ridgevue's Dylan Fehrs.

Jaegar Rose pinned fellow 3A SRV competitor Chase Scroggins of Parma in 94 seconds of a preliminary match, and he had two consolation-bracket victories against other 3A SRV wrestlers.

Rose beat Fruitland's Reynaldo Rodriguez by technical fall, 17-1, and pinned Brody vonBrethorst of Weiser in 2:30 for two of his three consolation victories.

Rose also got Skyview's Levi Bailey at the 1:32 mark of their match before losing in the consolation semifinals by pinfall against Vale, Ore.'s Clay Siddoway.

At 152, Jesse Packer needed just 17 seconds to dispatch Ridgevue's Andrew Smith in the opening round. He lost to Luke Miller of Boise, who notched a 45-second pinfall in the quarterfinals. Another Ridgevue wrestler, Dalton Trevino, edged Packer out of the tournament, 9-8, in a consolation match.

Kaydince Turner (126) lost in the first round to Fruitland's Brandon Stowe, but came back in the consolation bracket to

pin Wood River's Isaac Kolman in 3:22.

Another 152-pounder, Dawson Fox, pinned Middleton's Justus Arehart in 1:08 of a preliminary match.

Barton Strack reached the 160-pound quarterfinals with a pin in 1:14 against Boise's Max Collins. Nyssa, Ore.'s Dearden Woodruff beat Strack in the quarterfinals with a pin in 1:17.

Dalton Strack, wrestling at 220, opened his tournament with a third-round loss to Weston Jeffries of Fruitland. Jeffries pinned Strack at the 5:05 mark.

Strack pinned teammate Ahsan Riaz in 26 seconds to stay afloat in the consolation round before he lost a 5-0 decision to Ridgevue's Maliki Hoagland.

Last Wednesday: Payette 55, Homedale 24 — Dovalina edged Cortez in what probably was a preview of a big 3A District Tournament battle as the hometown Pirates pulled away in the Trojans' 3A Snake River Valley conference dual-meet opener.

The 160-pound bout was the match of the night as Dovalina gave Payette the momentum it needed with an 8-7 victory over Cortez.

The Pirates won the rest of the matches the middle and upper weights to win a match.

Rose got Homedale's only win on the mat when he pinned Iziah Demoulin in 1 minute, 32 seconds in the 145-pound match.

The Trojans' other victories (Egusquiza at 113, Vega at 120, and Jace Love at 138) were by forfeit.

Each team scored 18 points off forfeits.

The schools split a pair of exhibition matches with Homedale's Savannah Turner pinning Mackenna Johannes at the 2:23 mark of their 120-pound bout.

✓Rivals: Bench player Baltierrez chimes in with 12

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game against Vale, Ore., the night before and were a little weary.

Tony Baltierrez came off the HHS bench for 12 points.

"It was probably the best game Tony has had all year," Mann said. "He was a phenomenal, huge-energy guy."

Senior Scott Matlock injured his hand the previous night, and junior Carson Brown was still battling through illness, so Mann limited the time the starters were on the floor. Matlock, Brown, and junior Mason Kincheloe were in the game for only about 20 minutes each, the coach said.

— TK

Streaking Mustangs hit crucial stretch

The road to the top seed in the boys' basketball district tournament is on the road for Jordan Valley High School.

The Mustangs played on their home floor five times during their current seven-game winning streak, and coach Clint Fillmore's squad has built a half-game lead in the 1A High Desert League.

Jordan Valley (15-2 overall, 6-0 in league) will have to perform on the road to expand that advantage. The Mustangs take on second-place Prairie City (13-3, 5-0) on Friday before visiting third-place Adrian (9-9, 4-2) on Saturday.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 68, Monument/Dayville 24 — Chase Fillmore, one of four seniors playing their final regular-season home game, knocked down every shot he took and led all scorers with 29 points.

Fillmore hit two of his five three-point goals en route to 18 points in the first quarter as the Mustangs built an insurmountable 24-5 lead. He was 12-for-12 from the floor.

Senior Kirk Eiguren nailed a pair of treys in the fourth



Zeke Quintero tries an underhanded layup against Crane. Submitted photo

quarter to wrap up an 18-point night.

Wade Stanford (two points) and TJ Davis (four points) also played their final regular-season home games.

"Chase Fillmore, Wade Stanford, Kirk Eiguren and TJ Davis will be greatly missed," Mustangs coach Clint Fillmore

said. "It has been a pleasure and honor to have coached these great young men."

Friday: Jordan Valley 68, Crane 29 — Playing on the road for only the second time since Christmas, Jordan Valley put it all together against another band of Mustangs.

Chase Fillmore threw in three-point goals and led the offense with 17 points. Zeke Quintero (16), Eiguren (15) and Kort Skinner (11) also reached double digits, while Stanford chipped in six. Davis was 3-for-4 from the foul line.

"It was a good team win over Crane," Clint Fillmore said. "They all did their part."

Jan. 16: Jordan Valley 83, Harper Charter 43 — Hitting all eight of his shots, Eiguren scored half of his game-high 23 points in the first half, including 10 during the Mustangs' 29-point opening stanza.

Jordan Valley drained seven three-point goals, including two from Skinner (10 points) and one each from Eiguren, Chase Fillmore (18 points), Quintero (16), Davis (five points), and Blaise Warn (three points).

Huskies get split, finish 3rd at WIC Duals

A pair of losses during a daylong wrestling event were costly for Marsing High School.

The Huskies finished third in Friday's Western Idaho Conference Duals in Garden Valley.

Marsing split its dual meets, trouncing Garden Valley, 72-0, and defeating McCall-Donnelly, 56-15.

But Huskies coach Jon Nelson shuffled his lineup around against Melba, and the Mustangs prevailed, 42-39.

Nelson said the key match against Melba was Mason Hall's encounter with heavyweight Ty Bahem. A senior, Hall has spent his career in the 220-pound bracket.

On Friday, Nelson said Hall became vulnerable after making a move, and Bahem

took advantage for a pinfall — and six points — at the 1-minute, 21-second mark.

Kadin Goins (170) pinned Melba's Abraham De La Torre in 61 seconds, and Joseph Ineck (152) edged Levi Martin, 3-1 for Marsing's victories.

New Plymouth 43, Marsing 36 — The difference came in the first two matches of the dual.

Hunter Beus held on for an 8-3 decision over Marsing's Joseph Ineck at 152, and Josiah Campbell beat Marsing's Jesus Duran, 15-6, at 160 for a 7-0 lead.

Goins pinned Tye Nasker in 2:44 for Marsing's lone victory. In an exhibition, Marsing's Bastion Ackerman (152) drubbed Riley Clark, 14-2.

Marsing 56, McCall-

Donnelly 15 — Jaden Kinney (182) and Hall (220) needed less than a minute apiece to win their matches.

Kinney pinned Isaiah Urrutia in 53 seconds, and Hall was quicker, getting David Straw in 28 seconds.

The match of the dual was Adonis Stelzried's 4-3 decision over Vandals 138-pounder Tucker Baker.

Justin Ineck (126) pinned Arlen Main in 4:40.

Joseph Ineck pinned Deets Babbitt at 152 (1:23), and Goins put Tater Bentz on his back at 3:15 in the 170 match.

Marsing 72, Garden Valley 0 — Justin Ineck pinned Santi Winslow in 45 seconds at 126, and Jesus Duran needed 1:27 to pin Ty Grigg at 160.

The Huskies' other points came on 10 forfeits.

✓Mustangs: Treys overpower opponents

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Kiana Quintero fired in three three-point goals as part of her 14 points.

Regann Skinner shared the game-high scoring total with the Tigers Daniella Rhoda. They both had 16.

Terry scored 12 for Jordan Valley.

Jan. 16: Jordan Valley 79,

Harper Charter 13 — Four players reached double figures at home as the Mustangs exploited the chasm between the haves and have-nots in the 1A HDL.

"The girls played strong and fundamentally sound basketball," Kelsi Skinner

said.

Quintero and Taylor Warn hit for three three-pointers each with Quintero leading all players with 19 points.

Regann Skinner added 18, with Warn getting 17 and Terry 16.

Cassie Jordan led Harper with four points.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Old Bulls



If our wives had picked their husbands
with the care we buy a bull
There'd be a lot more bachelors on the street.
We'd be bucked up in the willers
with the other mossy horns
Just waitin' for a straggler still in heat.

They would check us all as yearlin's
on the lookout for bad eyes
And notice how we traveled in the rocks
But thank goodness we weren't cattle
'cause a lot of us sneaked by
Nearsighted, deaf and showin' sickle hocks.

If they'd marched us through the sale ring
as she sat there in the crowd
And studied us and read our pedigree
Could she see we might get paunchy
and the highest grade we got
In heifer satisfaction was a 'C'?

Would it make her any difference
if she knew we'd lose our teeth
And slough our hair and let our toes grow long?
Would her herd sire valuation
be affected by the fact
When we were born they used a come-along?

And our famed yearlin' libido
she'd observed when we were young
A'crackin' horns and tearin' up the ground
Now occurred about as often
as a paid bank holiday.
Could she know then we'd all wind up
unsound?

'Course, we tell ourselves she's lucky
to have had a private bull
For all these years, through all the ups and
downs
But, down deep each cowman's thankful
that he curled his lip just right
Before she had more time to shop around.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book is "Scrambled Wisdom — Almost Isn't ... Is It."

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee A promise is a promise



When Douglas D. Emery ran unopposed for a third term as Owyhee County prosecuting attorney less than two years ago, he said he would not seek a pay increase.

The elected official kept that promise to the county taxpayers — until Jan. 16.

Citing an increased caseload (again) and — specifically — the capital murder case against three defendants, Emery asked for an additional \$175,000 for his Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

Twenty percent of that request was earmarked as a "lump sum" addition to Emery's salary, which would push his pay to more than \$124,000. In practical terms, if the county commissioners grant the request, it would cost each citizen in the county

\$11 to have Emery as PA.

And that doesn't even factor in the \$140,000 requested for a full-time deputy criminal prosecutor (a position that had already been approved late last year because of the murder case, but that Emery has yet to fill), a \$35,000 raise for part-time deputy criminal prosecutor Ken Kreis (who was hired in lieu of the full-time position), and the hiring of two part-time deputy criminal prosecutors.

Since clashing with BOCC chair Kelly Aberasturi at last week's meeting over the request, Emery has said he's willing to forego his pay bump.

— See *Promise*, Page 19

From the Statehouse House moves to trim unemployment tax; first step in helping business

The first major piece of legislation passed the House this past week in the form of business tax relief.

Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter recommended, and the House unanimously supported, a reduction of the state unemployment tax. The reduction would be retroactive to Jan. 1 and amounts to a 30 percent reduction in tax to most businesses. Overall, the legislation should result in \$115 million in savings to Idaho businesses.

The speed with which the bill moved through the House was remarkable and necessary because of its retroactive nature. Hopefully the Senate and governor will move as quickly so the reduction will be reflected in employers' first-quarter 2018 filings.

The House also printed the legislation for the proposed combined waiver addressing the health care gap population. The bill moved through the House Health and Welfare Committee on Jan. 15. In committee, I supported printing the bill and look forward to the discussion of its merits. Though as it currently reads, I remain a bit skeptical.

At 9 a.m. today (Jan. 24), an informal public presentation will be held in the Lincoln Auditorium in the west wing of the Capitol. I have some concerns with the combined waiver process and projected costs and am looking forward to this presentation. If you want to follow along, it will be broadcast live, and the link can be found on the legislature.idaho.gov website. As proposed, it is estimated that the plan will cost the state nearly \$30 million.

Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma
R-Hammett (term expires 2018)

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Committees
Health & Welfare
Resources & Conservation
Transportation & Defense



Clearly this is just the beginning of what promises to be a very busy session, and I will try my best to keep everyone informed as we go along. This year a friend of mine, Dist. 28A Rep. Randy Armstrong (R- Inkom), and I are making an attempt at a podcast. You can find our first effort at <https://soundcloud.com/megan-blanksma/disclosure-podcast-2-11618-209-pm>, and we plan to release one every Monday on various topics of concern.

I'm also always available via email at mblanksma@house.idaho.gov, and I really value the comments and suggestions I get there. I have already received several good ideas for future projects and am always looking for more. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve, and I will continue to work for the best interests of the residents of District 23.

Americans for Limited Government Trump's accomplishments become clear after first year

by Robert Romano

Last Wednesday, Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) disgracefully compared President Donald Trump to one-time Soviet dictator Josef Stalin because the president called the fake news publishing stories falsely alleging he is a Russian agent "an enemy of the American people."

Perhaps not appreciating the irony, just a day later, Flake voted to reauthorize Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), legislation that authorizes the president to exercise intelligence gathering powers said to have been abused during the Bush and Obama administrations in the form of mass surveillance.

It is all political theater for the retiring Arizona senator as the elites in Washington, D.C. applaud his "courage" for idiotically comparing the president to one of the greatest mass-murdering dictators in human history who killed millions of his own people and sent many more to gulags.

— See *Accomplishments*, Page 19

Commentary

Financial management

Get on solid financial footing before splurging on a toy

Dear Dave,
At what point can you spend, and have a little fun, when you're following the Baby Steps plan?

— Jen

Dear Jen,
Everyone likes having fun, and there's nothing wrong with spending some cash if you can afford it. I just want people to make sure they have their finances in order first.

I recommend completing the first three Baby Steps before you run out and buy a bunch of toys. Just to review, Baby Step 1 is saving \$1,000 for a starter emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is where you pay off all debt — except for your home — using the debt snowball method. In Baby Step 3, you

go back and fully fund your emergency fund with enough cash to cover three to six months of expenses.

Completing the first three Baby Steps puts you on pretty solid financial ground. At this point, once you've saved up the cash, it's OK to take a vacation or buy a reasonably priced toy.

But don't have so much fun that you forget about the other Baby Steps. Baby Step 4 means putting 15 percent of your income into pre-tax retirement plans, like mutual funds and Roth IRAs. Don't neglect saving for college if you have kids. That's Baby Step 5. Baby Steps 6 and 7 are paying off the house early, and building wealth and giving like never before.



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Remember, there are only three things you can do with money — spend, save, and give. You can do all three without putting yourself in a bind by following my plan!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
What is your opinion of businesses that no longer accept cash?

— Heath

Dear Heath,
Honestly, I think the whole scenario is kind of silly. Businesses that are suddenly into the “no cash” thing lose out on a lot of transactions. Believe it or not, there are still tons of people out there who make purchases only with cash. So, from a business owner's perspective, this philosophy can cut into your market share.

I really don't spend a lot of time thinking or worrying about the situation, though. When it comes right down to it, most businesses are doing that kind of thing for one or

two reasons. Some of them just think cash is old school, and they want to give the impression they're cutting edge and into technology. Others do it — depending upon the space they're in — because their sales using plastic are higher than with cash.

I'm a cash guy. There are some situations where I might walk away if someone wouldn't accept hard, cold cash, but in most cases I don't think anything about it. I'll just use my debit card and buy what I need.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*.

✓ Accomplishments: President takes steps to restore limited government

From Page 18

Flake's outrageous, despicable comparison reflects how hysterical and disconnected from reality Trump's opponents have become since his unlikely victory in 2016. If Flake truly believed Trump was a Stalinist, he wouldn't be granting more national security powers to the executive branch.

In the meantime, President Trump is at work on behalf of the American people who elected him. He is internally taking on these deep state actors that unconstitutionally used the nation's surveillance powers against the opposition party in the 2016 election campaign. On the day FISA Section 702 was reauthorized in the House, Trump tweeted, “I have personally directed the fix to the unmasking process since taking office ...”

Despite the broad grant of authority by Congress, Trump is circumscribing the exercise of those surveillance powers to prevent these types of partisan, political abuses of the surveillance authority from ever happening again.

It is Trump's Justice Department that is now turning over the papers to the House Intelligence Committee that document these abuses and more.

That is the true story of Trump's first year in office. The president is restoring limited government through his actions, while his opponents are distracted by his unique, Trumpian rhetoric, which he uses to connect with his supporters. It's OK, Jeff. We get it, even if you don't.

Where he has the power to do so, Trump is rescinding and limiting economy-killing regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and others.

In other areas, the president is helping to restore

Congress' Article I responsibilities. Even on former President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which Trump campaigned against and has suspended effective March 5, Trump put the issue where it belongs — in Congress.

Agree or disagree with DACA, that is limited government in action. President Trump cannot just arbitrarily change the law. Making laws is Congress' job. If members want DACA, then they should put it in a bill and put it on his desk.

But Trump is being no pushover. He wants a lot in return — support of a bill by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) that ends chain migration, eliminates the visa lottery, fully funds the southern border wall and implements a national E-Verify system.

Here, Trump is clearly exercising the separation of powers and using the bully pulpit to get parts of the agenda he campaigned on into law.

Trump is also enforcing the nation's immigration laws vigorously: Prioritizing deportations of violent gang members, cracking down on sanctuary cities, and extreme vetting to keep terrorists out of America.

Another constitutional responsibility of the federal government of which Trump has taken full command is foreign relations, securing the release of Americans held hostages, strengthening old alliances and forging new ones.

Also, on foreign affairs, Trump is keeping his promise to be tough on trade and other economic relations. Under Trump, the U.S. has withdrawn from the Trans-Pacific Partnership. He has left the Paris Climate Accord. He has ordered that the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) be renegotiated. He has initiated discussions with China

to begin narrowing the trade deficit.

Here, Trump is exercising the authority granted by statute and under the Constitution to put America first on trade and to take a tough stance with foreign nations that take advantage of the U.S. And for the tens of millions of Americans who voted for him — particularly in the rust belt states of Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania who put him over the top in the Electoral College — it's about time.

More broadly on the economy, Trump successfully navigated the pitfalls in Congress and got the most major tax cuts for individuals and corporations since Reagan, ensured the repatriation of trillions of dollars of foreign earnings to be reinvested into the U.S. economy, opened up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling and repealed the Obamacare individual mandate to purchase health insurance. Each of those individually would have been major legislative achievements. Trump got them all in the same bill.

By every measure, President Trump deserves not only credit, but the heartfelt thanks of the American people he is fighting on behalf of, regardless of who they supported in 2016.

These are the acts of a little “R” republican; of the dutiful watchman.

One year later, the American people are getting what they voted for in President Donald Trump: the restoration of limited government, the separation of powers and new-found prosperity for the U.S. economy. Agree or disagree with President Trump's agenda, he is putting America first — and he is getting the job done.

— Robert Romano is the Vice President of Public Policy at Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Promise: A practical look at pending murder case could help costs

From Page 18

But that still leaves the \$140,000, which for all intents and purposes is tied to the fact that each defendant in the aforementioned murder case — Nicholas B. Vandenberg, Willie Keith Rabey and Montanna Rae Reed — has two public defenders because the death penalty is still on the table.

We already know that the case will be protracted,

creating more expense in general.

Theoretically, though, some taxpayer money could be saved if Emery dropped the death penalty against co-conspirators Rabey and Reed. It's probably a long shot that someone who didn't pull the trigger would be sentenced to die anyway.

Then again, even getting a death sentence for alleged murderer Vandenberg would merely amount

to life in prison because of the appeals process.

So, it would seem Emery could be frugal with taxpayer money — and not need to add personnel to his office — if he would merely be practical in his prosecution of this high-profile case.

But, based on years of budget requests, frugality and practicality hasn't been a hallmark of Emery's tenure.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 27, 1993

Commission hears report on audit

In a meeting Monday at Murphy, Owyhee County Commissioners accepted an audit of the examination of county funds by Jared J. Zwygart, CPA. Zwygart explained in detail each account, and reported no discrepancies in the county’s accounting.

Following a discussion, the commissioners did, however, direct the accountant to include an audit of the fair board books in the future, and are expected to have the board’s books from 1992 audited.

The fair board is an extension of the county, with the members being appointed by the commission, and the board expends county tax monies. Traditionally, the fair board authorized its own audit, but it was reported that in recent years this has not been done.

The commissioners, who, as a body, are accountable for these tax dollars, want the fair board books included in the county audit.

Another recommendation was made by Zwygart that changes be made in the accounting procedure of the County Extension Office books.

Commissioners plan to draft a policy on the authorization of expenditures prior to purchase. A ceiling amount of \$150 was suggested. The plan will be finalized when commissioner Dick Bass, who was absent Monday, returns.

City sends letters; hearing set on annexation

The City of Homedale recently mailed 15 letters to owners of property the city is proposing to annex, notifying them of a preliminary hearing scheduled.

The letter reads in part that “... the City of Homedale is proposing to annex certain real property into the City of Homedale. The records indicated that you are the owner of that real property.”

Those receiving letters are encouraged to attend the hearing Feb. 2, 1993, at 6 p.m. at Homedale City Hall.

City supervisor Larry Bauer said the annexation will help square up the city’s boundaries, adding that some property owners are currently getting city-supplied services without paying city taxes.

If annexed, the additional tax bite on \$10,000 worth of assessed property would be roughly \$86.

The annexation ordinance stipulates that those owning more than five acres of property can protest the annexation, but those owning less than five acres cannot, Bauer said.

The last annexation of property onto the city occurred 11 or so years ago, city clerk Edna Grimes said.

Rezone, labor housing top Marsing meeting

The Marsing City Council met last Wednesday to take up the agenda postponed due to bad weather Jan. 13, reported Janice Bicandi, Marsing City Clerk.

Mayor Mike Fromm read into public record the written recommendation from the city’s planning and zoning commission that Gustafson Chemical Company’s request for rezoning be approved.

In part, the recommendation read that the rezone should be granted “...in the best interest of Marsing...”

The mayor received the commission’s recommendation Jan. 8.

In other news, Harold Vogt, manager of the labor camp and housing authority, informed the city council that the labor camp will build 8 or 9 new units in the future, totaling \$300,000 in construction costs, and they will need to be hooked up to city sewer lines.

50 years ago

January 25, 1968

High school reveals names on semester honor roll

Homedale High School honor roll for the first semester has been released by Principal Darrel Reisch:

Seniors: Joann Bell, 4.00; Vickie Howell, 3.85; Diana George, 3.83; Kathi Phelps, 3.73; Sarah Brandon, 3.66; Eloise VanSlyke, 3.66; Susan Chadez, 3.50; Louis Uranga, 3.43; Jeanette Meininger, 3.16; Colleen Paxton, 3.16; Lois Gordy, 3.00; Rick Kushlan, 3.00; and JoDean Relmer, 3.00.

Juniors: Marilyn Curtis, 4.00; Lynne Evans, 4.00; Brent Fry, 4.00; Carol Gordy, 4.00; Marilyn Powell, 4.00; Barbara George, 3.83; Virgil Henson, 3.73; Beverly Eells, 3.66; Linda Kershner, 3.66; Annis Metcalf, 3.60; Becky Carter, 3.50; Janell Thatcher, 3.50; Marilinn Cegnar, 3.33; Kathy Herod, 3.33; Dale Westby, 3.33; Brenda Carson, 3.16; Marcia Richards, 3.16; Allen Bidwell, 3.00; Philip George, 3.00; Ken Parker, 3.00; and Steve Wilson, 3.00.

Sophomores: Betty Eidemiller, 4.00; Bonnie Takasugi, 3.85; Steve Breshears, 3.66; Patti Bell, 3.50; Sally Cantrall, 3.50; Roy Eiguren, 3.50; Peggy Higgins, 3.50; Leora Zanks, 3.42; Vernon Henson, 3.33; Carey Inouye, 3.33; Donna Combs, 3.20; Jeanne Louder, 3.16; Linda Morris, 3.16; Danny Uranga, 3.16; Ellen Van Slyke, 3.16; and Gary Yamamoto, 3.16.

Freshmen: Ken Kubosumi, 3.73; Jane Eidemiller, 3.66; Charles Chadez, 3.50; Larry Quintana, 3.33; and Donna Basey, 3.00.

Honor roll for the second nine weeks:

Seniors: Joann Bell, 4.00; Kathi Phelps, 3.85; Sarah Brandon, 3.83; Diana George, 3.83; Vickie Howell, 3.73; Eloise VanSlyke, 3.66; Susan Chadez, 3.33; Kelly Leavitt, 3.28; Louis Uranga, 3.26; Jeanette Meininger, 3.16; Colleen Paxton, 3.16; Blaine Pearson, 3.16; and Rick Kushlan, 3.00.

Juniors: Marilyn Curtis, 4.00; Barbara George, 4.00; Carol Gordy, 4.00; Marilyn Powell, 4.00; Brent Fry, 4.00; Lynne Evans, 3.83; Beverly Eells, 3.66; Annis Metcalf, 3.60; Becky Carter, 3.50; Linda Kershner, 3.50; Dale Westby, 3.50; Virgil Hensen, 3.42; Kathy Herod, 3.33; Janell Thatcher, 3.33; Brenda Carson, 3.16; Marilinn Cegnar, 3.16; Vickie Goicoechia, 3.16; Sylvia Henson, 3.16; Doug Meininger, 3.16; Ken Parker, 3.16; Marcia Richards, 3.16; Debbie Kushlan, 3.00; Jacquie Walker; and Steve Wilson, 3.00.

Sophomores: Betty Eidemiller, 4.00; Bonnie Takasugi, 3.85; Patti Bell, 3.83; Steve Breshears, 3.66; Sally Cantrall, 3.66; LeAnda Johnstone, 3.66; Jackie Cahill, 3.50; Peggy Higgins, 3.50; Carey Inouye, 3.50; Dennis Tanikuni, 3.50; Danny Uranga, 3.50; Ellen VanSlyke, 3.50; Vernon Henson, 3.33; Jerry Jackson, 3.33; Leora Zanks, 3.28; Donna Combs, 3.20; Roy Eiguren, 3.16; Jeanne Louder, 3.16; Linda Morris, 3.16; Gary Yamamoto, 3.16; and Debra McPherson, 3.00.

Freshmen: Jane Eidemiller, 3.66; Ken Kubosumi, 3.42; Larry Quintana, 3.40; Charles Chadez, 3.16; Drucy Meininger, 3.00; and Paul Pearson, 3.00.

Youth Sunday to feature young people

Youth Sunday will be observed at the First Presbyterian church Sunday.

Anticipated participants are: pianists, Bill Batt and Virginia Phelps; soloist, Debbie McPherson; call to worship, Leslie Fijishin; remarks on confession of sin and assurance of pardon, G.B. Condra; sermonettes, Lana Vance and Lynn Evans; offerstory prayer, Carey Inouye; prayer of intercession, Betty Eidemiller; ushers, Gary and Richard Johnson, Jim Maybon; greeters, Jane Eidemiller and Ruth Evans.

140 years ago

January 26, 1878

OUR POSITION — The Portland *Bee* of a recent date speaks of the AVALANCHE as a “Bourbon Democratic sheet.” This is an unjust and unwarrantable imputation. We have as much contempt for Bourbonism on the one hand as we have for blue-bellied Puritanism on the other hand. Of late years the demand for strict party papers has been rapidly diminishing, and it is a healthy sign. It shows that the people are becoming independent and less inclined to seek information from journals that have the party brand upon them. The people constitute the party that we work for, and it is on this basis that this journal is conducted. In a country with as sparse a population as this, the field of operations is unavoidably limited, but it is nevertheless very patent to our mind that a decided majority of the people like independence in journalism and prefer to read a paper that manifests sufficient boldness to expose wrongdoing, malfeasance in office, and rottenness, come from whatever source they may. In this sphere, we are striving in our humble way to do what we can. We have our own views on political, social and other topics and never manifest any hesitation in expressing them. When the war was in progress in this country we were on the side of the Government, believing that it was entitled to the support of every law-abiding citizen whose plain duty it was to aid in crushing an unjustifiable rebellion. In the last Presidential contest we supported Tilden in preference to Hayes for the reason that the Republican Party had, like the old Democratic party, become so infamously corrupt that it was no longer entitled to public confidence, and the demand for a change was general. The country was and is in a poverty-stricken condition, with millions of men out of employment and nearly every industrial interest paralyzed, to which condition it had been brought in a great measure through the incompetency and mismanagement of the men who had the direction of public affairs. Public sentiment has undergone a salutary change in this country during the past few years. There is a deep-seated determination with a large class of the voting population to support the best men for official positions irrespective of party affiliations. This is the correct position and in connection with it the independent press of the country has a noble mission to fulfill in an effort to give such shape and tone to public sentiment as will lay the foundation for a change -- a change that should bring with it relief from the burdens under which the people are suffering through oppressive taxation brought about by the rascality, theft and corruption that have prevailed in the management of the affairs of nearly every department of the Government.

THE FOUR YEARS’ CIVIL WAR in this country demonstrated the ability of volunteers to come to the front in an emergency and fight earnestly for the honor of their country. In case of war with Russia, England could, if necessary, raise from her Asiatic possessions volunteers by the million who would respond with alacrity to the war cry under such auspices. A war with England and Turkey on the one side, and Russia, Germany and Austria on the other side, would put in motion such an army as the world has rarely seen. The navy of England would also play a conspicuous part in such a conflict, as it would be capable of inflicting unmeasured damage upon the trade of all three of these countries.

Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01**
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRICTION OF USE OF AIR COMPRESSION BRAKES ON VEHICLES ON IDAHO HIGHWAY 19 BETWEEN WILLIAMS LANE AND JOHNSTONE ROAD THROUGHOWYHEECOUNTY IN THE VICINITY OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, EXCEPT UNDER EMERGENCY C I R C U M S T A N C E S WHERE THE USE OF AIR COMPRESSION BRAKES IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT AN ACCIDENT OR INJURY TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY, AND PROVIDING THAT ANY VIOLATION IS A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMISSIONERS;
Section 1. RESTRICTION ON USE OF AIR COMPRESSION BRAKES

It shall be unlawful to use air compression brakes (also known as “jake brakes”) on either trucks or other vehicles, through the herein identified portions of Idaho State Highway 19 between Williams Lane (Idaho Transportation Department Milepoint 2.57) and Johnstone Road (Idaho Transportation Department Milepoint 3.976), providing that this prohibition shall not apply in emergency conditions under which the use of air compression brakes is necessary to prevent an accident or injury to persons or property.

Section2. PENALTY
Violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable as appropriate under state statutes relating sentence provisions applicable to misdemeanors where no specific penalty is provided.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Section 4. COUNTY LAW REGARDING AIR COMPRESSION BRAKES

Owyhee County Ordinance No. 02-08 and this Ordinance No. 2017-01 states the law of the County regarding air compression brakes.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2017.
:s/Kelly Aberasturi, Chairman
Jerry L. Hoagland, Commissioner
Joe Merrick, Commissioner
1/24/2018

**CALL FOR BIDS FOR
PURCHASE OF NEW BUS**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Marsing Joint School District No. 363, Marsing, Idaho for the purchase of a new school bus. Bids, documents and detailed specifications are available at the Marsing School District Office, (located in the Marsing High School), 301 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm., Monday through Thursday until day of bid opening. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, 2018 to the Marsing School District Office,(located in the Marsing High School) 301 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing, Idaho. Bids

CITY OF MARSING OWYHEE COUNTY GEM HIGHWAY ANNUAL ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017	
Beginning balance as of October 1 previous year	54,262
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Property tax levy (for roads, streets & bridges)	31,584
Sale of Assets	4,864
Interest income	1,565
Total Local Funding	38,013
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	59,820
Sales tax/Inventory replacement tax	5,804
Sales tax/Revenue sharing	11,053
Total State Funding	76,677
TOTAL RECEIPTS	114,690
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Patching	8,783
Winter Maintenance	8,578
Grading/blading	14,522
Other	7,018
Total Routine Maintenance	38,901
EQUIPMENT	
Equipment purchase	26,542
Equipment lease/purchase	16,115
Equipment maintenance	19,019
Total Equipment	61,676
ADMINISTRATION	
Administrative salaries and expenses	2,644
OTHER EXPENDITURES	
Street lighting	17,034
Professional services – audit, clerical, legal	27,009
Professional services – engineering	35,514
All other local expenditures - Insurance	4,162
Total Other	83,719
Total Disbursements	186,940
Receipts Over Disbursement	<72,250>
OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	17,988
Closing balance	0
Funds obligated for specific future projects/reserves	0
ENDING BALANCE	0
Attest: Janice C. Bicandi, Clerk/Treasurer	
1/24/2018	

received after the stated time and date will not be considered. On February 13, 2018 at 3:00 p.m., bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive any irregularities. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

Deb Holzhey, Clerk
Marsing Joint School District No.363
PO Box 340
Marsing, ID 83639
1/17,24/2018

LIEN SALE
Unit F-25, Jeanetta Buzzard, 300 Holiday Ave., Lansing, Kansas 66043. Unit containing furniture, treadmill and misc. household items.
Unit I-8, Terisa Perry, 16 W. Washington, Homedale Idaho 83628. Unit containing 12 totes and a carpet cleaner.
Sealed bids will be accepted Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Units are located at 3685 Hwy. 95, Homedale, Idaho 83628. All sales are final and must be paid in cash.
(208) 337-3417
1/17,1/24/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on May 29, 2018, 9:00 AM at the Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby 20381 Highway 78 Murphy ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho (“Real Property”): In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho.
Section 18: That portion of

Government Lot 3 of Section 18, T1S, R2W, B.M., lying South and West of the High Line Canal.
Excepting therefrom, any portion thereof which may lie within the East 330 feet of said Lot 3.

Together with a Manufactured Home affixed to and made a permanent part of the subject real property described as follows:

Year: 1992
Make: KITM
VIN: X9474B22SN14088AB
Body: HS
Model: TL
System Ident. Number: Q3I032812 Commonly known as: 12946 Bailey Road, Melba, ID 83641-4302 Angela M. Fritzler and Eric J. Fritzler, as Grantors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated December 29, 1998, in favor of North American Mortgage Company as Beneficiary, in which Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc. was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119, and modified pursuant to the Modification recorded on December 7, 2012, as Instrument No. 279354, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Midfirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Bank Assignment Dated: June 4, 2008
Assignment Recorded: June 19, 2008, Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 265399. Benjamin J. Mann is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on June 26, 2017 at Instrument No. 293070, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Grantor’s failure to make monthly

payments beginning May 1, 2016, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$107,462.86, interest in the sum of \$7,842.41, and other fees in the amount of \$6,738.85, for a total amount owing of \$124,521.30, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The Grantors, successor in interest to the Grantors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The above Grantors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4)(a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently

responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 9th day of January, 2018. Benjamin J. Mann Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. 14907
1/17,24,31,2/7/2018

**NOTICE OF
RE-SCHEDULED
TRUSTEE’S SALE**
On Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2018, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 57, of the Amended Plat of the Townsite of HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 19 W. California Ave., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MIKE LOREN KITCHENS, a Married Man, as his sole and separate property, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded November 20, 2007, as Instrument No. 263130, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated November 19, 2007, in the amount of \$1,211.00 each, for the months of December, 2016 through April, 2017, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.04% per annum from November 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$132,819.04, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.04% per annum from November 1, 2016.
DATED This 4th day of January, 2018.
RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES
1/10,1/17,1/24/2018

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
TS No: ID-17-798764-BB
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **5/22/2018**, at the hour of **11:00 AM** of said day, **Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby 20381 Highway 78 Murphy ID 83650**, said Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of **OWYHEE**, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: LOTS 12 AND 13 IN BLOCK 39 OF AMENDED PLAT OF THE TOWNSITE OF HOMEDALE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED AUGUST 9, 1911, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 7284, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYTHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **216 W MONTANA AVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628** may sometimes be associated with said real property. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on **12/1/2005**, by and among **ARTHUR L. POPE AND ALTHEA O. POPE, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor, and **CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY**, as Trustee, and **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.**, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on **1/4/2006**, as **Instrument No. 254671** Official Records of OWYHEE County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Sections 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is: **The monthly installment of \$443.67, which may include principal, interest and escrow, due on 5/25/2017, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee’s fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as**

a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. The balance due and owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of **\$43,706.23** in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of **4.7400** percent per annum from **5/25/2017 adjusting, if at all, pursuant to the terms of the note**; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law. TS No: ID-17-798764-BB Dated this 3rd day of January, 2018. Robert W. McDonald, Esq, Trustee By: IDSPub #0135631
1/10,1/17,1/24,1/31/2018

NOTICE OF CLAIM TO A WATER RIGHT
The following Notice of Claim and Motion for Determination of Deferred De Minimis Domestic or Stock Water Use to a water right has been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication. Note that the place of use is in Owyhee County is shown to the nearest section -- more specific locations are available upon request.

Water Right: 55-13930

NAME & ADDRESS:
CHAD HENSLEY
PO BOX 102
JORDAN VALLEY OR 97910

SOURCE: SPRING.
TRIBUTARY: SINKS
PRIORITY DATE: 10/26/1973
POINT OF DIVERSION: T04S R05W S02 SWSW
PURPOSE OF USE: STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T04S R05W S02 SWSW

Any objection against the proposed claim must be filed with the Clerk of the District Court, Snake River Basin Adjudication, 253 3rd Avenue North, PO Box 2707, Twin Falls, ID 83303-2707 on or before March 12, 2018
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Water Right: 55-13931

NAME & ADDRESS:
CHAD HENSLEY
PO BOX 102
JORDAN VALLEY OR 97910

SOURCE: SPRING.

TRIBUTARY: SINKS
PRIORITY DATE: 10/26/1973
POINT OF DIVERSION: T04S R05W S10 SESE
PURPOSE OF USE: STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T04S R05W S10 SESE

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Water Right: 55-13932

NAME & ADDRESS:
CHAD HENSLEY
PO BOX 102
JORDAN VALLEY OR 97910

SOURCE: SPRING.
TRIBUTARY: SINKS
PRIORITY DATE: 10/26/1973
POINT OF DIVERSION: T04S R05W S10 SESW (2)
PURPOSE OF USE: STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T04S R05W S10 SESW

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PO BOX 102
JORDAN VALLEY OR 97910

SOURCE: SPRING.
TRIBUTARY: SINKS
PRIORITY DATE: 10/26/1973
POINT OF DIVERSION: T04S

R05W S10 SWSW
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PLACE OF USE: T04S R05W S10 SWSW

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Water Right: 55-13934

NAME & ADDRESS:
CHAD HENSLEY
PO BOX 102
JORDAN VALLEY OR 97910

SOURCE: SPRING.
TRIBUTARY: SINKS
PRIORITY DATE: 10/26/1973
POINT OF DIVERSION: T04S R05W S15 NENW
PURPOSE OF USE: STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T04S R05W S15 NENW

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1/24/31,2/7/2018

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV-14-18-118 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: JAMES GLEN FREE
A petition to change the name of James Glen Free, now residing in the City of Nampa, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Canyon County, Idaho. The name will change to James Glen Tucker. The reason for the change in is: CDL — to correct birth certificate.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 1 o’clock p.m. on Feb. 26, 2018 at the Canyon County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: Jan. 3, 2018
Clerk of the District Court, S. Swanson
s:/ S. Swanson, deputy clerk
1/10,17,24,31/2017

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